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LB 496, 559

SENATOR BOHLKE: Committee amendments are adopted. And advanced to E & R for initial. No, I'm sorry. Senator Kristensen, we're back to the bill. Would you care to open on LB 559? Discussion of the advancement of LB 559?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Madam President, I...are there any lights on?

SENATOR BOHLKE: There are no lights.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: With the Chair's permission, I'd treat this as my closing, unless there are people who'd want to discuss. That'd be your choice, I guess.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, proceed.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Obviously, this is General File. Between now and Select File there are Senator Jensen's office, my office, Senator Thompson's office has a variety of information about this, how it has worked in other states, how it can work in this state. This really is a good start and I think you will see this sort of technology used in other legislative arenas, but for our purposes this is a big step forward in allowing people better access, more convenient access to Medicaid, but the chance to save some money while doing it at the same time. I would urge the advancement of the bill to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Seeing no further lights, the question before the body is the adoption of LB...the advancement of LB 559 as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Report...record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 559.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The bill is advanced. The next item on the agenda is LB 496. Senator Kristensen, to open on the bill.

CLERK: Madam President, 496 introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15, referred to